

11 March 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: Department of State - Protection of National
Security Information

1. On 7 March 1980, Mr. Thomas Tracy, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Administration; Rick Weiss, Special Assistant; Mr. Stuart Branch, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Communications; and Mr. Julian Adler, Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Systems; appeared before Jack Brooks House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security. The primary purpose of this informal hearing was to discuss the protection of national security information.

2. Mr. Gene Peters, Subcommittee Staff Director, chaired the meeting. He informed the group that Chairman Jack Brooks was very interested in electronic data processing of national security information and that formal closed hearings would be held near the end of March. The Subcommittee plans to send two staffers to State to view the present communication and ADP systems. State representatives at the informal hearing advised Subcommittee members that 80% of State's traffic is unclassified and that CIA also has a considerable interest in new ADP technology and systems devoted to improved protection of national security information at overseas locations.

3. Mr. Peters informed those in attendance that Jack Brooks would prefer to have one large program and he was prepared to ask the administration not to cut funds intended for improvements in communications and data processing of national security information.

4. State will keep us informed of any further developments.


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